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Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Amendment to the specification recites the priority claims of the present application and adds no new matter.

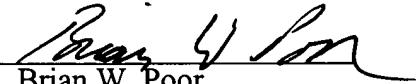
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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